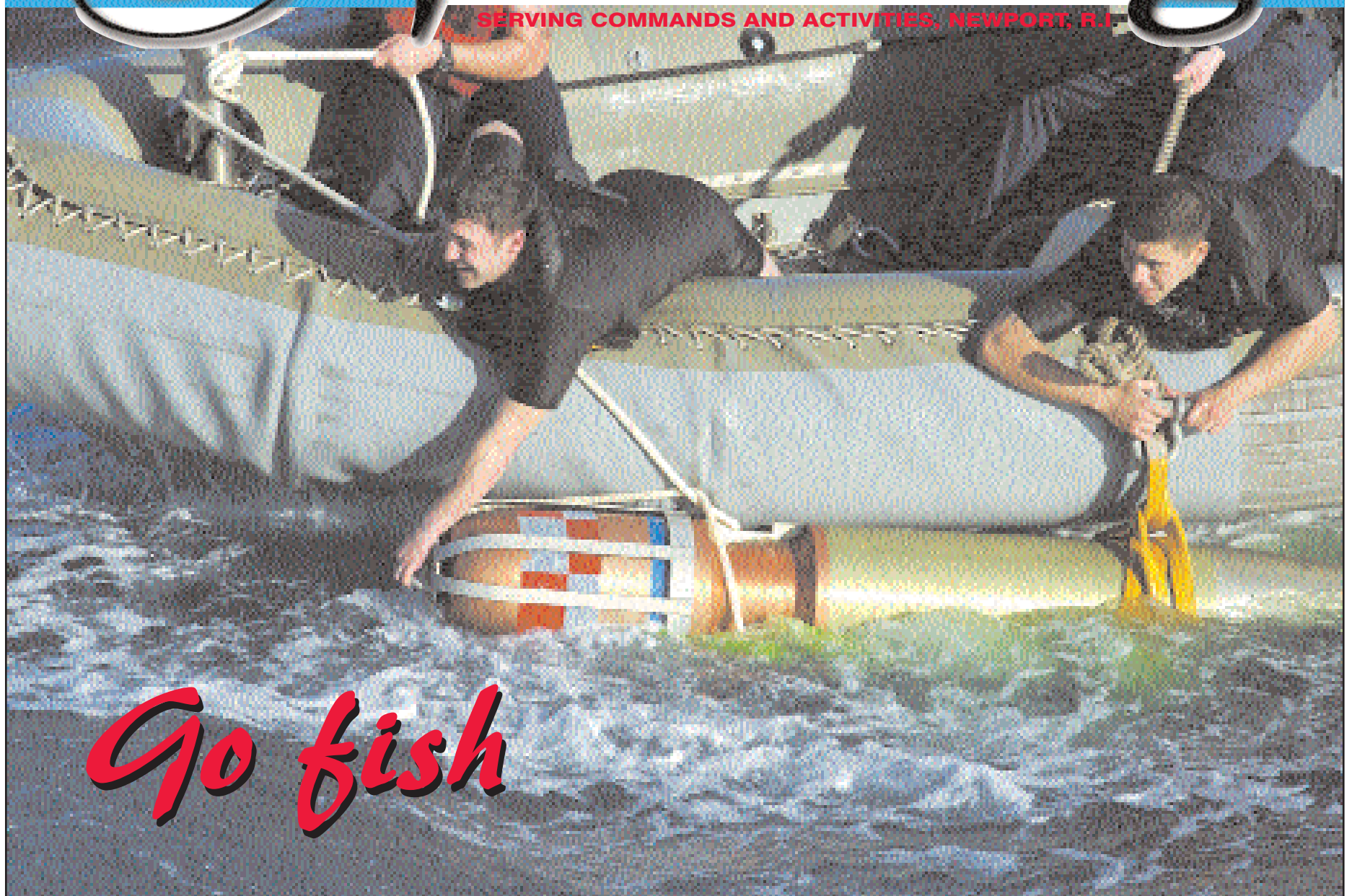


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## Go fish

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Quartermaster 2nd Class Christopher P. Whaley, left, and Information Systems Technician 2nd Class Luis Renteria, both rescue swimmers assigned to the guided-missile destroyer USS Mahan, hold onto a training torpedo as they escort it back to their ship offshore. Mahan fired the torpedo during a training exercise recently in the Atlantic.



### Month tribute paid to women

March is Women's History Month, set aside to recognize contributions by women worldwide in peacetime and wartime.

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### Military to join in Irish parade

Navy and Marine Corps units will march in the annual St. Patrick's Day Parade in Newport tomorrow.

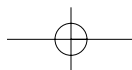
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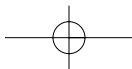


### DoD childcare rated as No. 1

Parental survey finds Department of Defense childcare facilities rate higher than privately owned facilities.

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Richard Alexander/U.S. Navy photo

**THEY'RE OFF!** More than 45 runners step off the starting line at Gym 109 on Wednesday for the March Madness Fun Run/Walk, sponsored by the Morale, Welfare and Recreation Department. The three-mile run or one and a half mile walk was open to all active duty personnel, family members, retirees, reservists and DoD civilians. Overall winner was Capt. Charles Hautau, second left, Commanding Officer, Naval Academy Prep School, with a time of 19 minutes, 29 seconds.

## Brig. Gen. Hays first woman to obtain flag rank in 1970

WASHINGTON — American women of every race, class, and ethnic background have made historic contributions to the growth and strength of our nation in countless recorded and unrecorded ways. They have played and continue to play a critical economic, cultural, and social role in every sphere of life by constituting a significant portion of the labor force, working inside and outside of the home, and by providing the majority of the volunteer labor force.

March is Women's History Month, set aside to recognize the contributions of women, against the odds, who have earned respect and admiration from our nation.

Even though women have officially served in the military since 1901, it wasn't until 1970 that women would obtain the rank of general or admiral. The following are the first in each service to reach this esteemed rank:

—Retired Army Brig. Gen. Anna May Hays (1920-present). On June 11, 1970, Hays became the first woman to achieve flag rank in the American armed forces. As a combat nurse in WWII, Korea and served two tours in Viet-

nam. She also served as the 13th Chief of the Army Nurse Corps from Sept. 1, 1967, to Aug. 31, 1971. Hays retired in 1972 after serving 29 years.



— Retired Air Force Brig. Gen. Jeanne M. Holm (1921-present). She was promoted to the grade of brigadier general July 16, 1971, the first woman to be appointed to this grade in the Air Force. Later, she was the first woman in the armed forces to be promoted to the rank of major general in 1973, and is credited as the single driving force in achieving parity for military

women and making them a viable part of the mainstream military.

Holm retired in 1975 after serving over 30 years.

—Retired Rear Adm. Arlene B. Duerk (1920-present) was the first woman ever to be promoted to the rank of rear admiral in 1972. Duerk had been director of the Navy Nurse Corps from 1970. A native Ohioan, she was a veteran of World War II, the Korean War, and the

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## SEA changes director today

By Newport Navallog staff

Command Master Chief James Ford will relieve Command Master Chief Steven Juskiewicz as the 14th director of the U.S. Navy Senior Enlisted Academy (SEA) in change of office ceremonies at Building 1112 today at 10:30 a.m.

Juskiewicz has been director for the past two years, and Ford was the Command Master Chief/Chief of the Boat (CMC/COB) course director over the past year. The ceremony will be presided over by Capt. Fritz Roegge, former commanding officer of the Seawolf class submarine USS Connecticut.

SEA educates senior and master chief petty officers from across the Navy in areas of leadership, management and communication. The Navy is rapidly changing how it educates and trains Sailors, and the SEA is on the cutting edge of that change.

SEA includes representatives from all of the sister military services, and numerous international students in its learning environment. It encompasses other educational branches to include, not only the resident course, but the non-resident, the CMC/COB Course, and the Spouse's Course.

Last year, in-resident students dedicated new academic spaces across the street in Perry Hall, NAVSTA.

Master Chief Ford is a native

of Alabama and enlisted in the Navy in March 1980. After completing Recruit Training in San Diego, he attended Machinist Mate Class "A" school in Great Lakes, IL.

Ford's fleet assignments include two carriers and two submarines, and his shore assignments include Naval Submarine School, Groton, Conn., and on staff of Submarine Squadron Eight Performance Monitoring Team.

Ford also served as Chief of the Boat of the submarine USS Norfolk (SSN-714)

Ford has earned a bachelor's degree from Excelsior College and a master's in management, with concentration in leadership and organizational effectiveness, from Troy University. He is also a graduate of the Senior Enlisted Academy, Class 81 Blue.

Juskiewicz's assignments have included: Navy Recruiting District, Buffalo, N.Y.; Staff, Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Naval Forces Europe, London, England; Staff, Commander Submarine Group TWO, Groton, Conn.; and as a faculty adviser and Command Master Chief course facilitator at SEA. From May 2004 to July 2005 he served as CNO-directed command master chief for Commander, Navy Region Northeast.

During this tour, Juskiewicz was selected for assignment as the director of SEA, becoming the academy's 13th director in August 2005.

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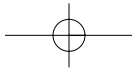
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## Navy joins in parade for St. Pat

More than 90 Sailors and Marines from the Seaman to Admiral 21 and Broadened Opportunity for Officer Selection and Training (BOOST) programs will be among the Naval Station Newport contingent marching in the 51st annual St. Patrick's Day Parade tomorrow at 11 a.m.

The parade will start in front of Newport City Hall on Broadway, proceed along Thames Street, and end at St. Augustin's Church near Harrison Avenue.

Other Navy Newport commands that will be marching in the parade's Second Division include the Navy Band Northeast's marching band, and personnel from the Explosive Ordnance Disposal Mobile Unit Two Detachment will ride the EOD response vehicle.

A Marine color guard from Broadened Opportunity for Officer Selection and Training (BOOST) and a Navy color guard from Naval Health Clinic New England also will march.

The Mobile Inshore Undersea Warfare Unit 202 personnel will ride in two tactical vehicles.

Fire apparatus and a patrol car will be provided by the Naval Station Newport Fire and Police Departments.

The parade is a highlight of Newport's month-long Irish heritage celebration.



PA2 Constantina Mourtos/USCG photo

The Newport-homeported Coast Guard cutter Juniper transits beneath the Route 495 beltway Wilson Bridge in Washington, D.C., after a four-day port call to Alexandria, Va., recently. Juniper conducted tours for Congressional staffers, White House Fellows, and other VIPs during the visit, and undertook icebreaking operations during the 78-mile transit up the Potomac River.

## 80.4% satisfied with NMCI

ARLINGTON, Va. (NNS) — Customer satisfaction for the first quarter of 2007 for the Navy Marine Corps Intranet (NMCI) reached 80.4 percent, according to results of the most recent survey released March 5.

Using a modified survey framework designed to pro-

vide the Department of the Navy more detailed information in more defined categories, the first quarter results showed a 7.8 percent increase over the previous quarter.

"The new survey framework introduced for the first quarter 2007 survey allows us to better understand end-user satisfac-

tion and more accurately target areas of dissatisfaction for improvement," said Marie Greening, NMCI program manager. "While we're very pleased with the increase in customer satisfaction, these results should be viewed as a new baseline from which more

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# Women Veterans Network reaches out to lend hand

The Women Veterans Network is about Rhode Island women veterans helping each other. Programs feature education on federal and local benefits, opportunities available to women who served in uniform, as well as women veterans' initiatives.

A sad statistic related to women veterans is that they are more likely to be unemployed and less likely to receive compensation for their service-connected disabilities than male veterans. The Network is there to help reverse this trend. One way to do this is through education and outreach.

The Women Veterans Network is developing a Rhode Island registry to account for all Rhode Island women veterans who have served in the armed services.

This registry will include all surviving women veterans from all eras who served in the Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force or Coast Guard. If you are a woman who is a legal resident of Rhode Island, received an honorable discharge and have a DD-214 then your name should be on this list. The reg-

## Comments welcome on health care

Do you have a comment or question about the quality of care you received at Naval Health Clinic New England (NHCNE)? NHCNE is a Joint Commission Accredited Healthcare Organization and your concerns are important.

Complaints or concerns should first be brought to the attention of the health care organization's leaders. If this does not lead to resolution, bring your complaint to the Joint Commission.

For further information contact your local patient relations coordinator or you may fill out a comment card available at the clinic.

Call NHCNE at 841-6845; or contact the Joint Commission at [complaint@jointcommission.org](mailto:complaint@jointcommission.org); fax to the Office of Quality Monitoring (630) 792-5636; or mail to the Office of Quality Monitoring, The Joint Commission, 1 Renaissance Boulevard, Oakbrook Terr., Ill. 60181.

istry already includes over 500 R.I. women veterans, but there are an estimated 5,000 more names to collect.

Registering and becoming a member of the Network is

easy. Go online to [www.dhs.rh.gov/dhs/dvetaff.htm](http://www.dhs.rh.gov/dhs/dvetaff.htm). You can also contact the Rhode Island veterans coordinator: Jeannine Vachon, R.I. National Guard, 330 Camp St.,

Providence, R.I., 02906-1954, (401) 275-4208 or e-mail *jeanne.vachon@us.army.mil*, or contact Ginny Hanson, Rhode Island, DAV, women veterans coordinator, at 846-6932, or e-

mail fghanson@aol.com.

The next meeting of the Women Veterans Network will be Thursday, April 18, at 6 p.m. at the VA Medical Center, 830 Chalkstone Ave. in Providence.

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## What's going on

### Navy to join Irish parade

The 51st annual Newport St. Patrick's Day Parade steps off from City Hall on Saturday at 11 a.m. with strong representation from Navy Newport.

Navy Band Northeast's marching band, a Marine Corps color guard and marching unit from the Broadened Opportunity for Officer Selection and Training (BOOST) and Seaman to Admiral-21 (STA-21) program at Officer Training Command Newport are expected.

Naval Health Clinic New England will also provide a color guard.

The parade is part of Newport Irish Heritage Month, which continues through March 31. There is Celtic storytelling, Irish step-dancing, lectures, afternoon teas, and tastings.

Call 845-9123 or visit [www.goneupport.com](http://www.goneupport.com) for information.

#### TODAY, March 16

- Senior Enlisted Academy change of office ceremony, Building 1112, 10:30 a.m. Navy Band Northeast's ceremonial band will perform.

- *Moll*, Irish Heritage Show live theater, Firehouse Theater, Equality Park off Broadway, 8 p.m. Also Saturday, 8 p.m. Call 849-FIRE (3473) or visit [www.firehousetheater.org](http://www.firehousetheater.org).

- Last day to enter Red Sox ticket lottery for March 20, Information, Tickets and Travel, Building 1121. Active duty enlisted and officers only.

- USS Saratoga Museum and Store open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday, 6854 Post Road, North Kingstown. Display of models, paintings, photos, uniforms and ship memorabilia.

- Sovereign Bank Family Skating



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**Sailors and Marines will march in the annual St. Patrick Day Parade in Newport tomorrow. Story at left.**

Center open through March 31, Newport Yachting Center, downtown Newport. Open daily Sunday through Thursday, 11 a.m. to 9:30

p.m., and Friday and Saturday, 9:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. Call 846-1600 for more information.

- The Home Show, through March

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#### SATURDAY, March 17

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#### SUNDAY, March 18

- New England Flower Show bus trip, sponsored by Information, Tickets and Travel, Bayside Expo Center, Boston, 8 a.m. departure. Call 841-3116.

- Morning Bird Walk, 8 a.m., Norman Bird Sanctuary, 583 Third Beach Road, Middletown. Free. Call 846-2577 for more information.

- Chapel of Hope worship services:

- Protestant service, 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

- Catholic mass, 9 a.m.

- The Tournees Festival, six free

French films, continues through March 29, Jane Pickens Theater and O'Hare Academic Center, Salve Regina University. Call 401-341-2327 or visit [www.salve.edu/frenchyfilm/](http://www.salve.edu/frenchyfilm/) for information.

#### TUESDAY, March 20

- Red Sox ticket lottery, Topside Pub, 5 p.m. Winners will have until Thursday, April 5 to purchase the tickets to their game choice. Only immediate family members may represent the active duty member. Call 841-3116 for information.

#### WEDNESDAY, March 21

- USS Saratoga Museum and Store open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday, 6854 Post Road, North Kingstown. Display of models, paintings, photos, uniforms and ship memorabilia.

#### THURSDAY, March 22

- Blood Drive, via donor coach, Naval Justice School, 3 to 6 p.m.

#### Upcoming:

March 23 — Jewish Shabbat service, 5:30 p.m., Naval Chaplains

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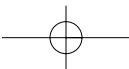
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School, Korn Worship Room. Call Chaplain (Cmdr.) Mitch Schranz, Chapel of Hope, 841-2234. Services are every other Friday, with the next service scheduled for April 6.

March 23 – The Harlem Globetrotters, “Nothing Like It” tour, 7 p.m., University of Rhode Island, Ryan Center. Call 788-3080 to learn more about group discounts.

March 23 – A Dublin concert, Emmanuel Church, 42 Dearborn St., Newport, 7:30 p.m. The Newport Baroque Orchestra plays music from the 18th century, featuring works by Handel, Geminiani and O’Carolan. Call 855-0687 for information.

March 23 – Naval Justice School graduation, Building 360, 10 a.m.

March 24-25 – Harbor Seal tours to Rose Island Lighthouse, departing from Bowen’s Wharf aboard M/V Alletta Morris. Reservations are recommended. Call (401) 324-6020 or email [seal-tours@savebay.org](mailto:seal-tours@savebay.org) for information.

March 27 – International Yacht Restoration School dinner and lecture series, 449 Thames St., 7:30 p.m. J. Russell Jinishian “Marine Art of Yesterday and Today.” This is part of the IYRS lecture series: “The Art of the Classic: Through the Lens, On the Canvas,” and is sponsored by *WoodenBoat* Magazine. Call 848-5777 for information.

March 28 to 31 – *Cabaret*, Megley Theater (Mercy Hall), Salve Regina University, 8 p.m. The book by Joe Masteroff and based on the play by Christopher Isherwood. Call 401-341-2250 for information.

March 29 – Blood drive, Bobby Burke Lounge, Surface Warfare Officers School Command, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

March 29—*Where the Albatross Lives*, illustrated talk, with Susan Adie, Norman Bird Sanctuary in Middletown, 7 to 8 p.m. Reservations required by March 22. Call 846-2577.

March 29 – Blood Drive, Navy Federal Credit Union, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

March 30 to April 1 – New England Saltwater Fishing Show, Rhode Island Convention Center, Providence. Sunday is family day – women and kids are free. Visit [www.riconvention.com](http://www.riconvention.com) for information.

March 31 – MWR Easter Faire, Harbor Island Conference Center, Building 684, 10 a.m. to noon. Children, ages 2 to 8 will enjoy crafts, games, face painting, balloons animals, entertainment and a visit my the Easter Bunny. Light refreshments will be offered. Call 841-2643 for information or to volunteer.

April 1 – April Fools Day

## Outdoor Recreation Rental

### Skis, snowboards for rent

Spring skiing is coming up fast, and the Outdoor Recreation Rental (ORR) in Building 303 is still open for ski/snowboard tune-ups and ski fittings. ORR offers a complete line of rental skis and snowboard equipment at affordable prices.

Equipment can be reserved Monday through Thursday for pickup on Friday or Saturday, if you have already been fitted for gear.

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Don’t forget, skate sharpening is \$4 for each pair. For more information, call 841-2568.

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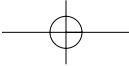
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There are a number of things in life that get our attention, make us wonder, or question, but, there are very few things that will bring about true feelings of awe.

Webster's defines awe as "an emotion variously combining dread, veneration, and wonder that is inspired by authority or by the sacred or sublime."

I recently returned from an all expense paid trip to the Al-Anbar Province of Iraq. I experienced a number of things that got my attention. A few that inspired wonder. And still others that brought questions to my mind.

There was always something going on to interrupt any plans that one might have for his day. "Many days of relative calm occasionally interrupted by extreme chaos." is the way one Marine described it.

At the close of one extremely "busy" day, when I finally had a moment to breathe, I found a place to rest on top of a sand filled barrier. I was surrounded by darkness with only the occasional light source interrupting the "view" around me. After a few moments of staring into the darkness I asked, "Why God? . . ." and then I looked up. I was not able to finish my question.

The Milky Way spread out across the night sky with innumerable sources of light. I had never seen the stars with such clarity. It seemed as if God was letting me know that even in the midst of chaos he was still with me. I was awestruck.

Immediately the verse came to mind from the psalmist.

O Lord, our Lord,  
how majestic is your name  
in all the earth!

You have set your glory  
above the heavens.



Chaplain  
Moore

From the lips of children and infants  
you have ordained praise  
because of your enemies,  
to silence the foe and the avenger.  
When I consider your heavens,  
the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars,  
which you have set in place,  
What is man that you are mindful of him,  
the son of man that you care for him?

My prayer for each of you is that you would be aware of God's presence even in the midst of the chaos of life and that you, too, will stand amazed!

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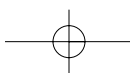
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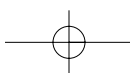
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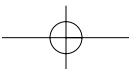
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## Special events

### MWR Easter Faire returns

The Morale, Welfare and Recreation Department's annual Easter Faire will be held at the Harbor Island Conference Center, Building 684, on Saturday, March 31, from 10 a.m. to noon.

Children, ages 2 to 8, may enjoy crafts, games, face painting, balloon animals and entertainment, in addition to a visit from the Easter Bunny. Light refreshments will be offered.

Active duty personnel, reserve, retired and DoD Civilian families are invited to attend. Cost is \$5 per person or \$15 per family. Adult volunteers are requested. Call 841-2643 for more information.

### Red Sox ticket time again

The Information, Tickets & Travel Office once again will offer a Red Sox tickets lottery on March 20 at 5 p.m. at the Topside Pub, second deck of the Officers' Club.

To enter, submit your name to the ITT Office by today for an opportunity to purchase two tickets to your choice of available games. One entry per person. This is open to active duty personnel only, enlisted and officers.

Next, attend the lottery and choose your game if your name is selected. Winners will have until Thursday, April 5, to purchase the tickets at the ITT Office in Building 1121.

Only immediate family members may represent an active duty member at the lottery.

For more information, call the ITT Office at 841-3116.

## Announcements

### Free basketball clinic

PROVIDENCE — The Rhode Island National Guard Child and Youth Program and the Providence College Friars invite children ages 5 to 16 who are members of a R.I. military family to attend a free basketball clinic with the PC Friars on March 24 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Peterson Center on the Providence College campus.

The youths will learn how to play basketball or improve their skills with the help of Friar team members. There will be free food, a photo and autograph session and team memorabilia give a ways.

Space is limited and pre-registration is required.

For more information contact Laura Paton, Rhode Island National Guard State Youth Program coordinator, at (401) 275-4032 or [Laura.Paton@us.army.mil](mailto:Laura.Paton@us.army.mil)

### Melville soil study discussion

The Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) for Naval Station Newport will meet Wednesday, March 21, at 7 p.m. at the Officers' Club. The results of the soil investigation at the former Navy water tower site in Melville will be discussed.

The RAB meets the third Wednesday of every month to participate in planning studies and restorations of clean-up sites. If you require base access, call 841-7562 by 3 p.m. on Wednesday to have your name placed on an access list at Gate 1.

For more information on the RAB go to: [www.rabnewportri.org](http://www.rabnewportri.org).

### Passport delays warned

According to the U.S. Department of State, local passport offices nationwide have experienced an increased workload because of the new travel requirements under the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative.

Travelers needing a passport over the next few months

are encouraged to plan ahead. Because of high demand, passport processing time has increased.

See:

[http://travel.state.gov/passport/get/processing/processing\\_1740.html](http://travel.state.gov/passport/get/processing/processing_1740.html)

### Motorcycle safety course

The Motorcycle Safety Foundation's Basic Rider Course (BRC) and the Experience Rider Course (ERC) are offered several times throughout the riding season. The Motorcycle Safety Training Course is outside Gate 4 on Coddington Highway.

The basic course consists of morning sessions, followed by hands-on training at the course. The experienced rider course is just one day.

Classes scheduled this spring are:

BRC: April 9 and 10; May 2 and 3; June 4 and 5; July 11 and 12.

ERC: April 11; May 4; June 6; and July 13.

Registration for classes are held in Building 1CC, the NAVOSH Safety Office.

For information, call Mark Powers at 841-2806.

### Tall Ships volunteers needed

Tall Ships Rhode Island will hold an international celebration of sail training vessels in Newport on June 27 to July 1. The Tall Ships fleet is expected to draw 250,000 people to Newport.

The Navy is not directly involved in the planning, but volunteers are needed for security, driving and parking VIP vehicles, crowd and line control, safety and first aid, a tourist information desk, merchandise and ticket sales, setup, cleanup and administration.

Previous volunteer experience and some fluency in foreign languages are helpful, but not required.

For more information or to volunteer, visit [www.tall-shipsrhodeisland.org](http://www.tall-shipsrhodeisland.org) call 841-0080 or send an email to [tsri07@verizon.net](mailto:tsri07@verizon.net)

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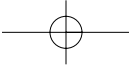
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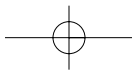
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# JFK Sailors visit veterans shelter

BOSTON (NNS) – Aircraft carrier USS John F. Kennedy Sailors visited a New England Shelter for Homeless Veterans on March 2, helping to feed the veterans and thanking them for their years of prior service.

Lt. Ray Rivers, Kennedy chaplain, was especially excited about the visit. He encouraged the group of 15 “JFK” Sailors before their arrival at the shelter:

"Remember, they served us before we could, before some of you were even born," Rivers said.

The Kennedy was on its final leg of its farewell tour before it is decommissioned in Mayport later this month. “Big John” is the Navy’s third oldest carrier afloat, commissioned in 1967.

The Sailors’ visit began in a large room on the third floor of the shelter in downtown Boston. Sailors sat and listened while key operators of the home introduced themselves and described their roles, as well as the common needs and concerns of the homeless vet-

eran in society. The president and vice president of the shelter, as well as the veteran’s training registrar, each gave a welcome.

Robert Hanafin, the director of security and operations, clarified the shelter’s goals as offering a hand up, not a hand out.

"They've got to do it," Hanafin said. "All we can do is put them on the right path. Everyone here is very helpful. I'm the one person here in the building that's not here to help. I'm here to enforce the rules."

Stephen Cunnif, director of public relations and fund-raising, ushered JFK Sailors downstairs to the kitchen where they would help feed the homeless veterans, whose meals are served according to shelter policy, precisely at noon.

While 10 of the Sailors dished out hot turkey, cooked carrots, soup, salad and doughnuts, five of them sat down to visit with the veteran service members.



MC2 Tommy Gilligan/U.S. Navy photo

**BIG JOHN TO RETIRE —** The aircraft carrier USS John F Kennedy (CV 67) makes her final transit into her homeport at Naval Station Mayport after a successful underway and farewell port visit to Boston this month. Kennedy is scheduled to be decommissioned March 23 in Mayport Fla.

Benjamin, a former senior airman who spent four years in the Air Force, came to the center just three weeks ago. He is young, in his mid-twenties, and was recently hired as a doorman at a hotel chain nearby. He is hoping to be out on his own in three more weeks.

"It is a little uncomfortable here for me because I'm young. Being homeless is very depressing. I struggle with that everyday," he said. "But there's warm food here; it's a warm place to stay; and it keeps me

out of the rain. Plus there is a lot to do right here in Boston."

One of the vets, named Edward, could claim a special tie with the JFK Sailors and received the most attention from them as a result. Originally from Greenwood, Miss., he served on board JFK from Jan. 14, 1977, to June 1, 1980. His JFK ball cap still on his head, he shared details about his life and said he is hoping for a fresh start.

"It was a shock to find out

this place existed," Edward admitted. "Everyone's been good to me. There's been a lot of help here. At times it can get depressing, but I just keep focused on my plan."

"It was a reminder to appreciate my life," said Hospital Corpsman 2nd Class April Baisden. "I was glad I was able to go and thank them for their service. I think only service members really understand the sacrifices of other service members."

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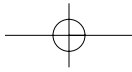
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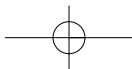
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Learn about information on credit reports at the Fleet and Family Support Center on Tuesday, March 20, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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Bring a copy of your credit report, available at [www.annualcreditreport.com](http://www.annualcreditreport.com) to the class and find out how to read the report, understand it, and correct any errors you may find.

Stress Management — The

Stress Management workshop is scheduled for Thursday, March 22, from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m., at the Fleet and Family Support Center.

Learn how to assess your stress level, increase stress relief skills to avoid burnout, and learn how to regain control of stressful situations.

**Relationship Enhancement** — This workshop is being held at the Fleet and Family Support Center (FFSC) on Saturday, March 24, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. FFSC counselors are offering this one-day workshop for couples who want to learn more about the ground rules for loving and fighting; and how to promote intimacy in their relationship.

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confirmed participants is required in order for this workshop to be held.

**OMBUDSMAN assembly meeting**—This meeting has been rescheduled for Tuesday, March 27, 6 to 8 p.m., at the Fleet and Family Support Center, for local area command ombudsmen and their Command Support Team (CST) members.

Ombudsman participation is required and CST support is requested. Ombudsman Advanced Training will address "Individual Augmentee (IA) Assignments," recognizing the

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**Homebuyers' Workshop** — Purchasing a home is a complex task. There are many questions that need to be answered before you take that big step. Come to the Fleet and Family Support Center on Wednesday, March 28, from 6 to 8 p.m. and learn about your options and how to decipher real estate lingo.

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**Transition Assistance Management Program (TAMP)**— This seminar is designed to assist service members leaving the military to prepare for transition to civilian life and is scheduled for Monday through Thursday, April 2 to 5, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Harbor Island Conference Center. Information on veterans' benefits, health care options and much more will be offered.

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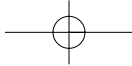
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Reading Together program

Help expand the horizons of young children by volunteering as a book reader with the Reading Together program at Child and Family Services (CFS) of Newport County. Volunteers read to some of the boys, ages 6 to 10, who live in agency group homes in Middletown. Reading groups will consist of three or four boys who have chosen to take part. CFS staff is always present. The program is Monday afternoons from 4:30 to 5:30. Volunteers should be available once monthly. The boys are eager to share some time with volunteers. For more information about volunteering, contact Martha Parks at 848-4210.

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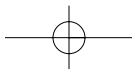
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Next, attend the lottery drawing on Tuesday, March 20, at 5 p.m. at the Topside Pub to choose your game if your name is drawn.

Winners will have until Thursday, April 5 to purchase the tickets at the ITT Office in Building 1121. Only immediate family members may represent an active duty member at the lottery. For more information, call the ITT Office at 841-3116.

Tickets to Flower Show

Information, Tickets and Travel Office tickets to the Spring 2007 New England Flower Show from March 17-25. Tickets are \$16 each. For more information, call the ITT Office at 841-3116. The bus has been canceled.

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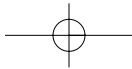
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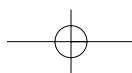
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**Tonight:** Kick off the weekend at the Topside Pub in the Officers' Club, the place to be with complimentary hors d'oeuvres from 4 to 6 p.m.

**Saturday:** Topside Pub opens at 4 p.m. Full pub menu available until 10 p.m.

**Sunday:** All-hands Sunday breakfast returns on Sunday, April 22.

**Monday to Friday:** Lunch begins at 11 a.m., at the Topside Pub where you can order from the menu all day long. Lunch service is open to all-hands from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. There are always daily specials available from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and menu is available until 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday and until 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

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### Enlisted Clubs

(Recreation Center, Building 656, phone 841-3054)

**Hours of operation:** The Enlisted Club is open Wednesday to Saturday, 4 to 11 p.m. The CPO Club is Wednesday to Friday, 4 to 11 p.m. Pub menu is available Wednesday through Saturday, 4 to 8 p.m.

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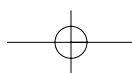
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March 17— Celebrate St. Patrick's Day. Wear your green and pay half price per string (\$1.50) for open bowling from 1 to 8 p.m.

March 24—Family Night Xtreme Bowling. Pay half-price per string from 8 to 11 p.m. Pay only \$5/hour per person, or \$12.50 per person for all three hours; or \$1.75/game per person. (Shoe rental included only in the hourly rates)

### Special fitness activities

(Gym 109, 841-3154/FITNESS Plus, 841-1474)

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Each youth and a guardian must complete four 45-minute sessions prior to working out or participating in fitness classes at MWR fitness facilities.

Class sessions take place at Gym 109 Monday and Wednesday 3:30 to 4:15 p.m. Special appointments can be scheduled by calling the Fitness Office at Gym 109. Pre-registration is required a week in advance, sessions are free and limited to three youths per session.

After successfully completing the program, youths will receive a certificate of completion. Parents/guardians will still be required to accompany their children while working out in an MWR Fitness Facility.

### Liberty Center

(Recreation Center Building 656, 841-3054)

The Liberty Center's programs, activities and trips are for single and unaccompanied service members. Retirees, Department of Defense civilians and children are not authorized to participate in these programs.

#### March events:

Tonight – Ping Pong Tournament, 7 p.m. prizes for winners.

March 17 – It's St. Patrick's Day. "Wearin' o' the green" will get you a prize.

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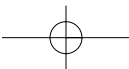
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## NMCI

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in-depth and different end user insights can be gained."

The modified survey includes new questions that focus on daily operations, Help Desk, local and remote base operations support and communications.

Survey results indicated that, in general, NMCI customers are most satisfied with the professionalism of the prime vendor, Electronic Data Systems (EDS) personnel, and are least satisfied with the broadband remote access capability (BuRAS) as well as aspects of network performance, including accessing web sites and e-mail performance.

"The specific insights we now receive from this new survey format, coupled with our new Enterprise Performance Management Database (EPMD), allow us to better and more efficiently respond to

operational problems and implement solutions that will improve the user experience," explained Greening. "Utilizing EPMD, we are now able to monitor, track and resolve performance issues with infrastructure components such as Exchange, Active Directory and BlackBerry like never before."

The NMCI Program Office is responding to data collected through EPMD and user feedback with several key initiatives designed to positively impact network performance. NMCI has begun to roll out

Along with the increased satisfaction at an enterprise-level, five individual claimants/commands attained the 85 percent satisfaction level needed for EDS to obtain customer satisfaction incentive payments from the user survey results.

## Reserves

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9/11, 20 of them have made the ultimate sacrifice for their country.

"To the families belong grief and despair, sadness and loss of their beloved heroes. To us and to the nation falls a sacred duty to honor and remember," said Winter.

The speakers also looked toward the future of the Navy Reserve.

"The Reserve is transforming and I believe it will evolve into a more agile, more responsive, more integrated force able to meet a variety of demands in both war and peace," said Hall.

In his remarks Cotton spoke further on force integration.

"We can no longer think of ourselves as just the Navy, Army or Air Force. We must view ourselves as joint warriors for a common cause. The active duty works together overseas."

## Women

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Vietnam War. Duerk retired in 1975 after serving over 30 years.

— Marine Corps Brig. Gen. Margaret A. Brewer (1930-present). While serving as the deputy director of the Division of Information, she was nominated during April 1978 for appointment to the grade of brigadier general. She was appointed to that grade and assumed duty as Director of Information on May 11, 1978,

at which time she became the first female general officer in the U.S. Marine Corps. Brewer retired in 1980 after serving 28 years.

Over 50 women in the military wear the stars of an admiral or general and more have been selected to pin them on next year — a small number indeed, but a big step since there were none prior to 1970.

There are no women at Naval Station Newport at flag

rank, but three captains are commanding officers or officer-in-charge of major commands here. Capt. Charlotte O. Wise is Commanding Officer of the Naval Justice School; Capt. Patricia J. Goodin is Commanding Officer of Naval Health Clinic New England; and Capt. Maureen Neville, is officer-in-charge at the Office of Naval Intelligence Detachment, Naval War College.

## Day Care

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states and DoD conduct quarterly inspections of child care centers. Eight states do not even conduct annual inspections and 21 states have no minimum educational requirements for child care teachers.

"It's the commitment of DoD to make child care programs superior," Ragno said. Visible in each playroom at the center are clearly marked information boards with posted policy statements and procedures that include the discipline/touch policy, fire evacuation plan, room safety checklist, weekly lesson plan,

and child abuse prevention program.

The philosophy of Navy Child and Youth programs is to provide high quality educational and recreational programs and the professional staffing that are responsive to the unique needs, abilities, and interests of children.

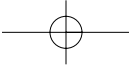
According to the survey report, the DoD child care system stands alone as a model for the states, not only ranking first, but also standing as the only entity scoring within the top 10 for both standards and oversight.

"The DoD takes consistent

quality very seriously. The curriculum, staff qualifications, and standards for care at every military installation are based on the same high standards," Ragno said. In DoD we offer nationally accredited programs that provide a high quality of education and good social skills for the children, she said.

"My staff and I work hard to ensure parents are confident that their children are safe, educated, and well cared for," she said.

For information on the report's findings and conclusions, visit [www.naccrra.org](http://www.naccrra.org)





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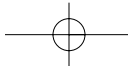
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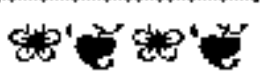


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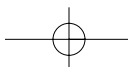
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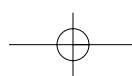
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